

REMARKS

Claim Amendments

Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 194-198, 200, 202-234, and 256-281 are pending. Claims 194 and 217-226 are amended herein. Claims 256-281 are newly added. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the application as filed. *See e.g.*, paragraph [0075]. No new matter has been added.

Specification Amendments

Applicants have amended the specification to update the priority of Application Ser. No. 10/179,373 ("the '373 application"). Applicants have amended the claim for priority and submitted a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 in the '373 application. No new matter has been added.

Statement of Substance of Interview Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b) and M.P.E.P. § 713.04, Applicants herein provide a summary of the interview. Applicants thank Examiner Landsman for agreeing to conduct the interview and appreciate the courtesies extended by the Examiner.

During the interview, the parties agreed to delete the phrase "that responds to sweet taste stimuli" from claim 194 as this is an inherent property of the heteromeric polypeptides of the invention. The parties also agreed to limit the claims, without prejudice or disclaimer, to human T1R polypeptides, polypeptides encoded by human T1R nucleic acid sequences, polypeptides encoded by nucleic acid sequences that hybridize to human T1R nucleic acid sequences under stringent hybridization conditions, and polypeptides possessing at least 90% sequence identity to human T1R polypeptides.

Applicants have amended the claims herein to reflect these changes.

Finally, Applicants argued the provisional double-patenting rejection over co-pending Application Nos. 10/725,037, 10/725,472, and 10/725,475 is improper as these co-pending applications, like the instant application, are divisional applications of the '373 application and were filed as a result of the restriction requirement set forth in the '373 application.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that these amendments and remarks should place this application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions relating to this response or the application in general he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

It is believed that no fees are required for entry of this response, but should any fees be necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**.

Respectfully submitted,

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